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Contributions.

Organized Activities.

What is the first organized activity that we know anything about in the history of this world? As we asked ourselves this question, we began to look about us for information. Mind travels rapidly down through the pages of history, until we reach the beautiful Garden of Eden. Here it is written that Adam made love to the fair Eve, and won her hand. But not even in Adam's well-planned campaign do we find the first activity. Going back further, we recognize in the creation of the world the answer to our question.

But was there any organization there? Yes, and of a most perfect sort. Not only did each day have assigned to it a particular creation, but to each was its essential creation. And God said, "Let there be light, * * * and the evening and the morning were the first day." Without that first great step, success was uncertain; with it, the next day's work came easy.

Of the mighty Napoleon it has been said that he could go to the opera with the germ of a great military move in his head, and come away with every detail worked out—the time correct to the hour, each day's plans carefully wrought out, and, above all, guards placed at the strategic points, in case anything went wrong. 'Tis thus that great minds move and have their being in organized thought and action.

The rush and push and noise of our strenuous time has offered to such minds a wonderful field for labor. The "Politi-

cal Boss " always sees in his campaign one of two ends, failure or success. His every move, like the skillful chess player, hinges upon the one that has preceded, and opens up the way for the next. His opponent must be checkmated, and only organized effort will bring it about.

The college man of to-day does not live in a narrow sphere. Before him lies all the world, and his campaign is one of deep and intricate steps. How many examinations have approached with cruel and stealthy stride to catch the student unprepared, how many elections have failed in their aim, all because there was a lack of organized action and forethought? But to be more concrete still, and bring the point to our chapter halls :

On December 5, 1776, at Williamsburg, a little band of William and Mary students formed themselves into the Phi Beta Kappa secret society. Whether or not these founders of the Greek-letter fraternity had an expansion scheme in their heads is not definitely known; but from the ashes of Phi Beta Kappa there has sprung up a grand system of college fraternities, a magnificent field for organized activity.

It is evident to the clear thinker that the Greek-letter fraternity has increased in importance, until now it can justly claim to be a moulding power in college life. It was born at that period when anti-Masonic feeling was so high, and its infancy was spent in constant danger. Very often the alarm with which its opponents looked upon it caused active antagonism. Never did they fail to interpret secret workings as a cloak to hide vice and immorality. But this era is passed. The period of suspicion and antagonism has been outlived; the time when they lived in rented halls is rapidly passing away, and they have become firmly rooted in college soil. Many of them possess their homes, and have investments larger than the endowments of some of our earlier colleges.

Such a wonderful development could never have happened without carefully and tactfully laid plans. Organization has been the key-note to success. We are inclined to forget this to-day. Some one has said, "A nation's past is of value only as a

spur to the future." The brilliant past has resounded with the cry, *ordinatus labor*, and the future is to be far brighter with this motto.

To plan for the smallest things is the part of every wise man. At a recent meeting one of the brothers got up and asked that Brother N—— favor us with a speech on the subject of our recent dance. We here reproduce that speech for our brothers. Brother N—— says that hereafter he is going to look ahead a little bit.

"Well, I haven't much to say, except that the dance was a great success. Of course I didn't dance; but then, the punch bowl was there. I needed something to brace up my nerves too, for I had an awful time dressing. I borrowed my shirt, and it was a mighty close fit. I borrowed my collar, and it fit most too close, so I borrowed seven others, and the seventh one fit, which proves that seven is a perfect number. My vest was the next on the list. I put it on, and it was too large, so I sewed it up in the back. Lord pity the woman at the tailor's who has to take out those stitches. But I finally got dressed and waited for the carriage. It came. The number was *twenty-three*, so I climbed in and *beat* it. But it was not a carriage; it was a wagon. I have never seen such a wagon. When we started off the glass began to rattle, and the sideboards sounded like kettle-drums. It only had one horse too, and I was used to driving in a two-horse wagon at home.

"Finally, I got around to the college, and Brother T—— was just beginning to dress. It was then 6 o'clock; the dance was to begin at 9. I told him that he ought to know that women always kept a man waiting a half an hour, and we had two women to go after. The best he did was to finish shining the shoe he had on, and then tell some of his jokes. They remain with me yet. At 8:30 he said he was dressed, and we started out again in the wagon.

"Everybody said my girl was beautiful and a graceful dancer. Then it flashed across my mind that she lived on Grace street. One man came to me and said, 'N——, your girl is

surely a handsome woman, and a swell dancer ; but we just simply can't get the step together.' I was mighty glad of the explanation, for I thought something was going wrong. I served the chaperones with punch every now and then, and they seemed to have a good time over in the corner by themselves. But, boys, I had the time of my life." And Brother N—— took his seat.

Moral: When you go to a dance, take a girl, put on collar number seven first, and sew up your vest before you try it on, and, above all things, be sweet. The Lord helps him who helps himself.

But, aside from such small things as getting dressed by organization, college life is filled with other and larger things for us as fraternity men. They say that the cry at Oxford is "Never let education interfere with your college life." And this is a hard problem to work out—just how to adjust our student life and our social life so that the scales will balance. There is not one danger in fraternity life that thought and care cannot overcome. We are as yet tilling a virgin soil. We can make our chapters great instruments in the educational life of our institutions. Our alumni problems are most intricate. The *Record* of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon says of this problem : "If we could control the problem of the relation of the alumnus to his own chapter, the larger problem might find its speedy solution as a consequence. Everything depends upon the spirit and aims of the fraternity, and very largely on the influence of the graduates. The latter can always, by precept and example, keep a fraternity in closest touch with the college, and identify loyalty to a fraternity with loyalty to a college." Virgil says, "Happy is he who is able to know the causes of things," and when we know them and act as an organized body the results will be zeal without hard feeling, idleness without loafing, liberty without license, and pleasure without regret. Play will have a meaning, and sport an object. Organized effort will become our signal, and success the goal accomplished.

S. K. PHILLIPS, Alpha.

The Grand Historian's Letter.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 20, 1907.

I wish to call the attention of the Chapter Historians to the fact that we have now entered upon the last half of the college year, and it is time all histories were in.

The time for the Conclave too, is approaching, and it is my desire to have the records of every chapter ready for inspection by the Grand Council at that time, and to turn over to my successor, the books complete to date.

A few, in fact very few, of the chapter officers answered the letter I sent them in October. I presume their failure to acknowledge it was not due to lack of courtesy or neglect of duty, but rather to the work incidental to the opening of college and preparation for the fall campaign. However, by this time, the work of each chapter has assumed its normal course and I look to each Historian to do the work assigned to him. If he has not already written to me concerning the number of blank forms desired, I want to hear from him at once, and I ask those who have the forms and have not sent them to me, to do so at the earliest possible moment.

Yours fraternally,

A. S. JONES,
Grand Historian.

Songs to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

(Tune: "*I've Been Working on the Railroad.*")

Once our vessel sailed the ocean,
Roaming wide and free,
'Till we saw the giant cliff rise,
Where stands our 'Varsity.
Then our feet we firmly planted
On Gibraltar's height,
And our ensign floating o'er us
Gleamed with radiant light.

Sorrows yet may often gather
Thick around our soul ;
But our love, like rays of sunshine,
Shall make them backward roll ;
For we ever shall aspire
Helpful each to be ;
Brother working for his brothers
And our fraternity.

CHO.—Sing of our fraternity,
'Till the echoes ring ;
Let the red and purple
Float o'er us as we sing.
A noble watchword, brothers,
Is the royal and the pure ;
It pulsates with our hearts' blood,
And shall for evermore.

(*Tune: "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes."*)

Through college days, when life seems bright,
Our hearts overflow with song,
Then may our tongues our song upraise
For Sigma Phi Epsilon.
Thy name how sweet, how fair it sounds ;
For kinship true it stands ;
Harp of my soul, immortal harp,
Resounds through all the strands.

In future years, when clouds of strife
May o'er our lives hang low,
Spirit of love, forbid that then
Our hearts shall cease to glow.
Fraternity, Fraternity,
Thy never-setting sun
Transform to glory each passing gloom,
Dear Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Chapter Letters.

Alpha.

Richmond College.

Meets in Hall on Campus every Saturday Evening at 7:30.

It is but just, in passing, that we should mention through the pages of THE JOURNAL the great University movement just now claiming the attention of Richmond people and vicinity at large. Alpha Chapter is identified with the life and growth of Richmond College, and whatever concerns its welfare concerns ours. The plan for the organization of a university at Richmond took shape suddenly and unexpectedly. The idea first germinated in Richmond College, through a member of its Faculty, and one whose genius is inseparably connected with the future as an educator. This institution, to be known as the University of Richmond, has for its model Oxford and Cambridge. Seven colleges of the State, Richmond College included, propose combining their united strength, each, however, retaining its separate individuality, into, perhaps, what will constitute the greatest university of the South.

Alpha has watched with keen interest the progress of this movement, and, now that it has the semblance of a surety, we propose to keep apace in growth with that of the College. Almost simultaneously with the publication of the plans for the university came the cry from Alpha for a chapter house. The fancy prices on real estate in our present locality places a chapter house beyond the realms of possibility. But the transfer of the College to a less populous section of the city gives us renewed hopes of possessing one in the near future. Steps have already been taken by us for constituting a sinking fund, which in the course of a few years will realize for us a goodly sum. This movement then is pregnant with good for Alpha, and we rejoice over the prospects for growth, not only materially, but numerically, which now stands outlined before us.

We welcome with pride and joy the recent addition of our sister chapter, Zeta. Proximity with Zeta has given Alpha's men

opportunity to judge of the sterling worth of its men. Without a doubt, THE JOURNAL will receive additional growth and vigor from this new group of brothers, who have impressed Alpha so happily with their enthusiasm for work and their staunch and clear-cut attitude of character.

Since the last appearance of our fraternity organ Alpha has made one more addition to its numbers,

Gregory Grey Garland.

He has the distinction of being president of his class.

Our annual german was given on the night of the 8th of February. The flower of Richmond's girlhood was present, and the occasion was the most successful ever given by any chapter here.

Alpha is very anxious that the next Conclave be held in Richmond. In our judgment Richmond offers many inducements, both as regards location and convenience. Seven chapters are within less than a day's ride from Richmond, while there are four within a few hours' journey. Only one is over twenty-four hours' ride. The reduced rates, and the opportunity to visit the Jamestown Exposition makes Richmond the most desirable place according to our idea. Richmond is connected with the Exposition both by rail and boat, and undoubtedly it will be the main rendezvous of the great swarm of visitors to the Exposition. Let all give their unbiased judgment, and all, we believe, will agree that the old capital city of the South offers inducements possessed by none other in the country.

ALPHA.

J. S. Tilman,
Chapter Historian.

Gamma Beta.

West Virginia University.

Meets every Thursday at 10 P. M. at 540 Spruce Street.

The close of the winter term finds all the members of Gamma Beta hard at work in preparation for the term examinations.

Our school year is divided into three terms, and, since both the fall and spring terms are interfered with, to an extent, by football and base-ball, we are expected to do more studying than usual in the winter term. As a result of this expectation, our examinations are usually more difficult.

Within the past few days we have rented additional rooms on the same floor with those we have had all year, and six more brothers have moved in with us. We have found nothing that so fosters the true fraternal spirit as does close companionship, and doubtless all who have houses find the same thing true. Our present quarters, in the residential section, are convenient alike to both the school and business part of the town, so we shall probably hold them until our plans for building have matured.

We gave a "smoker" to several of our friends and prospective members February 26th, and we hope to be able to announce the results at a later time. The only thing that we find wrong about "smokers" is that they do not occur more frequently.

Brother Henry A. Nolte, of Wheeling, has visited the chapter several times recently, while in the city on legal business. Henry has succeeded in building up a lucrative practice in an incredibly short time, and is one of our most loyal and influential, alumni.

Brother Perry W. McMillen will be with us for some time as he is engaged in some mining engineering work near here. He will probably return next year to finish his course.

Brother Robinson will arrive from his Marshall county home in a few days, to re-enter school. "Bob" has only one more term with us, as he graduates in June.

All chapters having houses or rooms should send to our Hall Committee for Wilson's "House Committee Rules," with interpretations by "Mac Tubby" and "Fatty."

The inter-fraternity fight here has probably been settled, for all time it is to be hoped. All the University interests have suffered more or less during the last two years because our school has not been unified. This state of affairs has been a great injury to our athletics especially, for some of the best men in

school would not try for our teams because of fraternity "squabbles." Now it is probable that West Virginia will face her athletic rivals with the best team the school can put out. Our conditions are very different from those of most other schools, but such as have prevailed here are ruinous anywhere. From Brother Wilson's talk concerning his royal reception by our Washington and Lee brethren, things are far different there, and we believe that better times are coming to us here.

Fraternally,

A. D. Bell,
Chapter Historian.

GAMMA BETA.

Delta Beta.

Jefferson Medical College.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 19, 1907.

Delta Beta heartily extends greetings to all her sister chapters.

Since our last letter the chapter has experienced an era unparalleled in its history. During this time she has taken into her mysteries two of the loyal sons of Jefferson:

Harold Barret Wood, '10, Waynesburg, Pa.,
Robert Leroy Jones, '10, Nobleboro, Me.

Although their numerals infer "fresh," their actions are the reverse, they already having taken to the brotherly spirit. We also have had the extreme pleasure of administering the oath to Professor Saylor, demonstrator of Analytical and Clinical Chemistry, as an honorary member. Brother Saylor is rapidly becoming very popular with the student body.

Furthermore, we are now enjoying the prosperity of having fifteen of our brothers rooming in the house, filling it to its capacity.

Thus we are daily in contact with each other, where we can help to share one another's pleasures and sorrows, if there be any of the latter.

Final examinations are rapidly approaching, and the boys have forgotten every pleasure, even their admiration for the ladies.

As a model of moral spirit the boys have willingly taken their stand and remonstrated against the installation of a saloon in the near vicinity of the house.

Almost daily the chapter has the extreme pleasure of entertaining an alumnus brother or a brother of a sister chapter, and it goes without saying that it gives us great pleasure to receive them. At present we have the pleasure of having five professors of the College as honorary members.

Socially, the chapter is fully enjoying her share of the fraternal popularity.

The first Saturday eve of each month has been chosen as a time of jollification. At this time the ladies are most earnestly requested to be present, to partake of the evening's festivities. If ever there is rival spirit in a fraternity it is at this time, for the supremacy of selecting the most beautiful of the "fair ones."

When the spring weather permits, we expect to demonstrate to our sister chapter at the University of Pennsylvania the scientific principles of base-ball. For particulars consult the next edition.

In closing, we wish you all unbounded success in all the paths of your work.

Faternally,

C. S. Gracey,

DELTA BETA.

Acting Chapter Historian.

Delta Gamma.

Meets every Tuesday at 12:30 P. M., at Fraternity Rooms, 3019 Brereton Avenue.

To all chapters we send greetings.

It has been such a short time, at least seemingly so, since our last letter that we hardly realize where the time has gone.

There has been very little "doing" in our chapter to write about.

The work, of course, keeps up—with some of us, piling up—at an astonishing rate, and we need no argument to agree that the life of a medical student is one long "dumbed" grind. If it were not for the occasional brush with the other class, or passing some one back, or "trying" to get a class picture taken, life would not be very sweet.

It is pleasing to note that the boys of Sigma Phi Epsilon do not take a back seat for anybody when the "marks" are given out.

We were sorry to lose Brother Sprouls, who had to leave for Colorado with his sister, who has "T. B." He will be back next year, however.

Dr. J. J. O'Sullivan, of our chapter, has given up his internship at the St. Franciscus Hospital, and will soon put out his shingle in a stand of his own.

We have a new pledge member in the person of Mousie, a light-haired Junior with glass eyes.

He will be a valuable member, we are sure.

With best wishes for easy questions on the finals for all in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

DELTA GAMMA.

A. V. Hicks,
Chapter Historian.

Delta Delta.

University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Monday Evening at 7 o'clock.

Since the last letter to THE JOURNAL Delta Delta has made great strides toward the upbuilding of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Pennsylvania. We have been installed in our new home since the first of the year, and feel that it has drawn us closer together. In a month's time we secured our house, furnished it, and now pride ourselves on having one of the cosiest fraternal homes at

the University. We are conveniently located at No. 3717 Locust street, just one square from the campus. It was with a great deal of work on the part of all our brothers that this work was successfully completed, and at present eight of us are living under the same roof. After our arduous labors we gave a house-warming in the latter part of January. The following week Delta Beta Chapter paid us a visit, bringing with them their orchestra.

Brother George Lawrence, who plays on the inter-collegiate Champion basket-ball team, spent a very enjoyable time while at Syracuse with Kappa Alpha Chapter.

We have welcomed to our fold during the last month:

Harry A. Delaney, of New York City, '10, Medical.

John T. Delaney, of New York City, '08, Dental.

Joseph P. Dever, of Philadelphia, '10, College.

Brother Rittman, of Swarthmore, and Brother Webster, of the Crozer Theological Seminary, have paid us visits, which we enjoyed and appreciated. One of our alumni, Brother J. DeWitt Kerr, spent a day with us, while in Philadelphia attending a banquet of the Deaver Surgical Society. In this connection, we extend a hearty invitation to all brothers to test our hospitality whenever in Philadelphia.

Faternally,

I. W. Brown,

DELTA DELTA.

Chapter Historian.

Beta Alpha.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of University of Illinois.

Fraternity House, 859 Jackson Boulevard.

We have again come to the realization that it is time for another letter, if we are to share in this number of THE JOURNAL. Every member of Beta Alpha has spoken of the excellence of the last JOURNAL, and thinks that Brother Phillips is to be complimented, for it is surely through his efforts that THE JOURNAL

has become so worthy of praise. The cuts are especially good, and, if one may judge by a photograph, we surely cannot feel otherwise than proud of our Alpha sisters.

Since our last letter we have added one new name to our roll :

John A. Turner, '09, Gray's Lake, Ill.

Brother Turner is Vice-President of the Sophomore class and is one of the assistants in the chemical laboratory. He has begun his fraternity work with the same earnestness that he does all other work, and we feel confident that he will do much towards the upbuilding of our fraternity.

In our last letter we spoke of beginning something a little out of the usual at our weekly meetings, in order that they might be more interesting and helpful to each one of us. We have met with such success that we feel it our duty to tell something of our plan, as it may be of help to some of our sister chapters. At each meeting some member is appointed by the presiding officer to prepare a paper on any subject he may choose, to be read at the second meeting after. He is to announce his subject, however, at the next meeting. This gives the other members time to think over and read up on the subject. Then, when the evening comes for reading the paper, after it is read a free discussion is indulged in by all the members present. Questions are asked, and answered if possible, and the subject is freely discussed. As we are all medical students, medical subjects have been chosen as a rule, and, as these subjects may be helpful to some of our brothers, we will gladly tell you those that have been given so far.

Our first paper was read by Brother Harrison, '09, and was entitled "The Object and Advantages of a Fraternity." The second paper was read by Brother Lalor, '08, on the subject "Sinus Diseases." The next week Brother Farrel, '07, read a very interesting paper on "The History of Syphilis." On the following week Brother Athon, '10, gave us an interesting description of "The Southern Illinois Hospital for the Insane." Brother Furman, '09, on the next Monday, discussed "The

Doctor's Part in Public Service." Next Brother Eck, '09, gave us a paper on "The Doctor as an Expert Witness," which was very much enjoyed by all. Then came Brother Hurlbut, '08, with an instructive description of "The Opportunities of the Southwest." Brother Lee, '09, next gave us a paper on "Heredity," which created a great deal of discussion and brought out many new and interesting facts. Our last paper was by Brother Turner, '09, on "The Relations Between Physicians and Pharmacists," and, as Brother Turner is a pharmacist and almost a physician, he was able to give us a good paper. Every paper so far has been interesting and instructive, and has called forth many questions and a free discussion. As each man is required to take his turn, this only makes each man have to perform once or twice in the year, and it is rather a pleasure and honor, instead of a hardship.

Since adopting this plan our meetings have been better attended, and no one wishes to drop back into the old rut. We hope that some of our brothers will tell us something of their meetings, and in this way we will all be benefited.

On February 13th Brother Hurlbut, '08, was married to Miss Irene M. Stitt. We were all very much surprised upon receiving the invitation to Brother Hurlbut's wedding, and are sorry that he will not be with us the remainder of the year. But we understand that he will be back next year, and we all extend our heartiest congratulations, and wish Brother and Mrs. Hurlbut the greatest happiness forever and ever.

Our list of honorary members has been increased by the name of Dr. Wentz, Professor of Chemistry at the College.

We close for this time, wishing all of our brothers the greatest prosperity during the remainder of this year.

Fraternally,

S. L. Gabby,
Chapter Historian.

BETA ALPHA.

Epsilon Alpha.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Evening at 7 o'clock, 1139 Twelfth Street.

Since our last letter to *THE JOURNAL* we are proud to state that several of the members of Epsilon Alpha have made themselves prominent in the affairs of this University.

Brother H. E. Sovereign has been chosen as artistic editor for the Engineering Department of the *Junior Annual*, and Brother R. B. Stitzier has had conferred upon him the assistant managership of the *Engineering Journal*, a publication gotten out each year by the Engineering School.

We have to represent us on the Mandolin Club this year Brother T. L. Sproule.

We introduce with great pleasure our new pledge :

E. T. Anderson, Castle Rock, Col.

He is a second year college man and during his work here has made a good record in his studies. He has the honor of belonging to the Richards Literary Society, and was selected to be one of the six contestants for the annual prize debate. He has also made himself prominent on the athletic field by earning his "C" in base-ball last year. This year he has been elected captain of the Sophomore ball team.

At our last meeting the matter of a frat. base-ball team was taken up, the result being that definite action would be taken at once in organizing a team. E. T. Anderson was elected captain and P. M. Dean as manager. With the old members we had on the team last year, and with the ability of some of our new men in this line, we feel that our chance is good to win the frat. pennant this year.

Fraternally,

F. J. Roche,
Chapter Historian.

EPSILON ALPHA.

Delta.

William and Mary College.

Meets every Friday Night at 11 P. M., in Chapter Hall, on Duke of Gloucester St.

Greetings from Delta to all in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have had a quarantine, occasioned by a slight case of small-pox, and Delta has not quite recovered from the shock. But we hope before this goes to press that we may all be answering to the usual roll-calls. It is rumored that three of Delta's boys, including our Historian, were successful in evading the guards, and so escaped the confinement which the "yellow flag" always administers. It is further reported, upon good authority, that these three brothers arrived at Jamestown at an early hour the next morning, very much jaded after their seven miles "stroll" over the sleet-covered roads.

Only four of the "heart" boys remained in "ye ancient capital" during the past week. The others, for various reasons, spent the ten days at home, or with "her" whose face has adorned each fog of smoke that curled above their fuming pipes since the Christmas holidays.

College opened last Monday, February 18th. Four of the refugees have made their appearance, and, if our prophecies be true, all will return in due season. Although the rest was needed after those "terrors" known as exams., the past epidemic has had quite the opposite effect, causing only confusion.

Brothers Mason, Gale, and Bowen attended the Y. M. C. A. conference at the University of Virginia. They declare they had the time of their lives, and, since we have heard so much of it since their return, we believe they did.

Brothers V. L. Arnold, G. P. Arnold, F. E. H. McLean, and G. C. Taylor are absent from College at present.

Bro. J. W. Gossman, of Concord, N. C., was with us a few hours this week, but, unfortunately, many of us were away at the time. Brother Gossman is an alumnus and charter member of Delta, so it always inspires the boys to have him with us.

Brother Johnson has been elected a member of the Annual

staff, and Brother Bowen is serving as President of the Philomathean Literary Society.

We are glad to know that new chapters are being added, and, if chapters are placed at institutions of such high standing as those of the past, those chapters ought to be permanent.

Looking at the tendency of the past, and especially at some reports at the last Conclave, there is evidence of an indifferent or negligent spirit. Our chapters are no more than are the men who compose them. Our national fraternity can rank only so high as the chapters of which it is composed. One chapter cannot make a fraternity ; neither can one man make a chapter.

Brothers, we are prone to lag behind, being content to perform the duties imposed upon us at some leisure time—ultimately, never. In some cases our letters to THE JOURNAL are either delayed or forgotten until the time when they should appear in print. It is certainly discouraging to our officers and enthusiastic brothers, who are laboring for our good, to be handicapped in this manner. THE JOURNAL is, without question, neglected—not by one, but by nearly all, for the members do *not* contribute to THE JOURNAL as they should.

One of the difficult problems which is facing Delta to-day is the payment of fraternal obligations. We keep putting it off to pay in the future, or to-morrow. But to-morrow never comes. No one can possibly get more out of an organization than he puts into it. If such were the case, some one else would, of necessity, be the loser. The more we help our fraternity materially and spiritually the more real pleasure and benefit we are going to derive. If a man puts nothing into his fraternity, but expects to enjoy the pleasures of fraternal life, this man will surely experience disappointment.

We hope to see many brothers from our sister chapters here this year when they visit Jamestown.

With best wishes to all in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

J. H. Bowen,
Acting Historian.

DELTA.



THETA ALPHA CHAPTER,
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY, ADA, OHIO.

Theta Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Greetings to all Sister Chapters :

Since our last letter to THE JOURNAL nothing unusual has occurred, nor anything of much interest to our sister chapters. We have not taken in any new men since the last issue. However, we have a number of good men in view, but we have profited by the mistakes of others, and intend to see and know more of our candidates before we bring them into the fraternity. The old adage, "Haste makes waste," would apply to the customs of initiating men into the fraternity when about all we know regarding them is their name. Enough for the lecture. We will now turn to the alumni banquet.

This will, at least, be of interest to our alumni brothers. We intend to have an alumni banquet in May. It will be our first attempt at an alumni banquet, and we are going to make it something to be remembered in after years. Now, alumni brothers of Theta Alpha, we need your assistance to make this surpass anything of the kind in Ada.

By the way, active work has commenced for the formation of an Alumni Association. Alumni Brothers White and Hasley were elected to the offices of President and Secretary, respectively, of the Alumni Association, to serve until the banquet in May.

The matter of forming an organization of the alumni members has been under discussion in Theta Alpha for some time, and we (active members of Theta Alpha) wish to express our thanks and good wishes to Brothers White and Hasley for the part they have taken that "the dream" is to become a reality. Any alumnus wishing to correspond with Brothers White and Hasley can reach them at 4815 South Atlantic avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alumni, we welcome you back to Ada, Ohio Northern, and Theta Alpha, on or about contest day ; time to be decided later.

The watchword is "Will U B there? Where? Ada on Contest Day. What? Alumni Banquet. Sure I will B there."

As Theta Alpha holds semi-annual elections, we held our election on February 5, 1907. The result of the election was as follows: Laurence O. Casey, Horace S. Miller, Ray H. Gramm, Frank R. Allen, R. Benson Hamill, and Clarence L. Miller.

Spring-time is not far distant, and with the approach of spring comes the feeling of languor, the old inevitable base-ball fever. In all probability Theta Alpha will be represented on the diamond this season. We will have one of the best ball teams this year that has ever represented Ohio Northern. The writer has been informed that our athletic committee has scheduled a game with Wittenburg College. We hope to meet those of Theta Beta who are still there.

Now a word regarding some of the boys who have lately left school. "Our Bobby" (R. L. Hair) is working at Latrobe, Pa., on an engineering corps. "Hunky" (H. K. Carpenter) is with an engineering firm in Pittsburg. Our old reliable "Weg" (S. M. Wegerley) left school at the close of the holidays for his new home in Texas, his parents having moved near Houston, Texas.

"Big Snuff," our own "Big Snuff," (J. Lloyd MacKowan) who pitched for the 'Varsity nine and played half-back on our foot-ball team, will be found with Columbus, O., in the American Association.

"Bobby," "Weg," "Hunk," and "Big Snuff," Theta Alpha extends to you their good wishes; also to all other brothers, which time and space will not permit us to mention.

Fraternally,

R. Benson Hamill,
Chapter Historian.

THETA ALPHA.

Eta Beta.

North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

Since our last letter Eta Beta has made one good step forward. Yes, we call it good. It has been impossible heretofore for any of the fraternities to have a hall or assembly room. We have at last succeeded, after much red tape, in being allowed to have a hall down town (Raleigh). We feel more at ease now to invite our brothers to visit us, and wish to extend a very hearty invitation to all, through THE JOURNAL.

Brother Phillips is certainly to be congratulated on our last JOURNAL. It is one that any fraternity would be proud of. None of us hardly realize the difficulties under which our brother labors to get out a good JOURNAL, and if each chapter will wake up, and do their part, it will encourage Brother Phillips in his task. It might be that most of the Chapter Historians are like myself, not very literarily inclined, but I know there isn't a Sigma Phi Epsilon that wouldn't overlook this deficiency for the motive. What a pleasure it would be to see a letter from every chapter in the next JOURNAL. Another thing that improved our JOURNAL was the "cuts." It certainly is quite a pleasure to all of us to be familiar with the faces of these brothers. And I know the hearts of every Sigma Phi Epsilon must have fluttered at the sight of the Alpha Sisterhood.

Since the holidays a good many fraternity men have withdrawn from College, but we lost but one, Brother Shelbourn. All the rest are back, doing our best to make the "heart" stand foremost in the fraternity circle.

It was stated in our last letter that the present correspondent had withdrawn from College, to enter the Naval Academy, but on account of foot-ball injuries it was impossible for him to enter. He is happy to resume his old duty as Chapter Historian, however deficient his efforts may be.

Our base-ball coach has just arrived, and he seems to be much pleased with the material for a good team. Brother

Hemphill, as manager, has arranged one of the finest schedules A. & M. has ever had.

In conclusion, we wish to congratulate our new brothers at Randolph-Macon; and wish them every success.

Fraternally,

Owen Moore,
Chapter Historian.

ETA BETA.

Iota Alpha.

Purdue University.

Meets every Saturday at 8 o'clock P. M., 41 Salisbury Street, Lafayette, Ind.

In the midst of our busy school life we deem it a privilege and a pleasure to be able to again greet our sister chapters through the medium of our JOURNAL.

The semester is now well under way, and all of us are hard at work, determined to "do better this time." Just before and after the end of last semester, fraternity work was allowed to lie dormant, but now that the anxieties, rejoicings, and drownings of sorrow are at an end, things are going full blast once more.

Since our last letter to THE JOURNAL we have pledged three men, two Freshmen and a Junior, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large :

Glen W. Dair, '08, Harrison, Ohio.

Louis F. Desloge, '10, St. Louis, Mo.

Charles Cavan, '10, Elwood, Ind.

We feel certain that these men will be faithful workers for Sigma Phi Epsilon, and will do much to promote its interests. Brother Dair was initiated a short time ago.

Three of our men, Supy, Woods, and Dair, have been unfortunate enough to contract that deadly disease known as mumps, which seems to be epidemic in school just now, and are at present rustivating in the hospital. They are doing nicely, however, and expect to be home soon. The rest of us feel our jaws daily and run tests every meal with pickles.



J. LLOYD MACKOWAN,
THETA ALPHA,
Pitcher for Columbus, Ohio, American
Association.



J. C. LEWIS,
IOTA ALPHA.

Basket-ball still holds the center of the athletic stage, although in-door base-ball and track practice has begun. Our basket-ball team defeated Illinois University last Saturday night, in a hotly-contested game. Bro. J. C. Lewis is on the team this year and is the only "P" man we have in the house.

Brother Leonard, '08, left school at the beginning of this semester, to accept a position with the Missouri Pacific Railroad in St. Louis. We are all sorry to lose Len, as he was a faithful worker for the fraternity and a good scout.

Our Freshmen are looking forward very eagerly (?) to April 1st, when they will be butted into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Needless to say that the rest of us are anticipating that event and expect to have a high old time.

In conclusion, Iota Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a most successful semester in all they may undertake.

Fraternally,

B. R. Lewis,
Chapter Historian.

IOTA ALPHA.

Kappa Alpha.

Syracuse University.

Kappa Alpha sends her greeting to all her sister chapters. Once more we are proud to greet our brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon through THE JOURNAL. Our home was opened for the first time to a brother of another chapter on February 6th. Brother Lawrence, whom we all admired and who tried so hard to uphold the supremacy of his *alma mater* that same evening, was our guest. Although he was not able to see "Pennsy" win, still we trust he realizes the true friendship Kappa Alpha has for all her brothers, wherever they may be. He is a magnificent fellow, one well worthy of the honor given him by Delta Delta, and one whom Sigma Phi Epsilon will long remember as one of her brightest stars.

Since our last letter we have initiated three new men. We

used the new form of initiation, and it worked splendidly. We are pleased to introduce to you:

C. Louis DuBois, '07, Tully, N. Y.

William F. Taylor, '07, Schenectady, N. Y.

Harry H. Hibbard, '10, Buffalo, N. Y.

We are proud of every one of them. For they are truly worthy of the new emblem they are now wearing.

Brother DuBois is manager of our weekly paper, *The Herald*. Brother Pitman is President of the Junior class in the College of Applied Science. Brother Talmadge is manager of the University Band, which forms a prominent part of our college life. Brothers Talmadge, Beckwith, and Bonnett are members of the University Glee Club, which is excelled by no club in the North. We feel the loss of Brother Chester, who was compelled to leave college before "mid-years" on account of typhoid fever. Nevertheless, our loss this year will be Kappa Alpha's gain next year.

We have been having a considerable amount of fun the past few days through the means of an inter-fraternity basket-ball contest. There are three leagues, of five teams each. So far Kappa Alpha has a percentage of 750. We are sorry to state that Brother Perkins, who holds first position among us, was seriously injured in practice. He has been off his feet for over two weeks, but we are hoping that another week will see him back to earth again.

Some of our most pleasant moments are spent around the grate, singing fraternity songs and giving our yells, after the curtains are pulled and the lights extinguished.

We are glad to hear of the general prosperity of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Here's to a pleasant spring and closing up time for this year.

Fraternally,

Leo E. Fox,
Chapter Historian.

KAPPA ALPHA.



EPSILON CHAPTER,
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, VA.

Epsilon.

Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10 o'clock in Fraternity Hall.

Once more we extend cordial greetings to the brothers through the pages of *THE JOURNAL*, and it is with heart-felt pleasure we note the general air of prosperity and hopefulness that pervades our beloved fraternity, as is evidenced by the letters of our sister chapters.

Since our last letter was written we have had the good fortune to secure two new members for the Epsilon Chapter :

C. W. Streit, '10, Birmingham, Ala.

C. R. Carter, '10, Camden, Texas.

Brother Streit belongs to the class of 1910. Having made a splendid record in the Washington and Lee foot-ball team, he has been elected captain for next year's team, an honor which, in the recollection of the writer, has never before been conferred on a Freshman at Washington and Lee. He is also captain of the '07 basket-ball team, a new branch of athletics at Washington and Lee, and his team has shown up well against such teams as University of Virginia and Y. M. C. A. He is known to his friends as "Bill," and is an all-round good fellow.

Our other new member is Brother Carter, a young Freshman of promising looks, and we expect much of him in the future. It was our pleasure to have with us, during Brother Carter's initiation, Brother Wilson, of Gamma Beta. Brother Wilson's visit was enjoyed by us, and we hope to see other members of our fraternity during the coming months.

On January 19th was celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gen. R. E. Lee. The principal address was made by Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, a soldier in the Union Army. The address will no doubt become historic, as showing the esteem in which the Southern General is held at the North and in cementing the sections of the Union closer

together. Among those present were about one hundred who were students under Lee at our University.

Hoping that fortune may ever smile upon every chapter of our brotherhood, we remain,

Fraternally,

A. H. Payne,

Chapter Historian.

EPSILON.

Zeta.

Randolph-Macon College.

Meets every Saturday at 9:45 P. M. in Fraternity Room.

To all the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon—Greeting :

It is with pleasure that we extend our greeting, through the pages of THE JOURNAL, to our brothers, and in our first letter we desire to make ourselves acquainted with the members of every chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On the night of January 7, 1906, Brothers Phillips, Bowen and Rogers, of Alpha, and Griffin, of Kappa Alpha, came up from Richmond, and led us step by step into the mysteries of the fraternity. We realized the solemnity of the occasion and we took to heart the truths and principles which we were taught. Because of existing circumstances, we were caused to go into this matter before we could have Brother Webster with us, but we are looking forward with the desire to have him with us soon, at which time we hope to have an enjoyable time.

Zeta is trying to live up to the teachings of Sigma Phi Epsilon and has its interests at heart all the time. We stand for what is right and noble, whatever there is in the making of a man, and we put character pre-eminent, and we try to banish selfishness, impertinence, and haughtiness. We feel that our brothers are doing the same thing, and that we are bound together by the strong cords of our fraternity.

Our "boys" are not without honor at Randolph-Macon, and

the honors that have been received, were received because they were held in high esteem by their fellow students.

Brother Blankenship is Editor-in-Chief of *The Yellow Jacket*, our annual publication. Brother C. L. Yancey is a representative of the Franklin Literary Society for the inter-collegiate debate with Hampden-Sidney. He is also Assistant Business Manager of the *Randolph-Macon Monthly* and a member of the Athletic Board. Brother C. D. Johns and the writer are representatives of the Washington Literary Society in the annual public debate, both debating the affirmative. Brother Johns is also a member of *The Monthly* staff. Brother J. G. Sawyer is President of the Franklin Literary Society and is alternate for the Hampden-Sidney debate. Brother L. W. White, Jr., is chief marshal for the annual public debate of the Franklin Literary Society and is also a member of *The Monthly* staff. In class work some of our "boys" are in the lead, and we are justly proud of them.

We have eight members, the first six named holding offices in our chapter: Luther W. White, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; Charles L. Yancey, McGaheysville, Va.; Robert E. Blankenship, Amherst, Va.; Clarence D. Johns, Auburn, N. C.; J. Elliott Wallace, Whaleyville, Va.; John Granbery Sawyer, Bloxom, Va.; Robert W. Procter, Raleigh, N. C., and W. M. Snell, Harrisonburg, Va.

We extend to all the brothers a hearty invitation to visit us. We have secured a room and have it arranged very comfortably, and we hope to have an attractive room when its furnishings are completed.

With best wishes to our brothers for success in all their undertakings, we remain

Fraternally,

J. Elliot Wallace,
Chapter Historian.

ZETA.



Editorials.

As THIS fraternity is steadily advancing, having already established itself among the representative Greek Letter societies, it naturally prompts us to improve its organ. This, we believe, can be most effectually accomplished by altering the tenor of the articles submitted each month for publication. As it now stands, ninety per cent. of the articles are on ethics, repeating, time and again, identically the same ideas in different language. Moreover, anything concerning fraternal ethics properly comes before the editor, whose office invests him with the authority of censor on such matters. Consequently, this style of article is not solicited, although the scarcity of material has hitherto compelled its publication, an impediment which, with the growth of the fraternity, is gradually being removed.

What THE JOURNAL invites in the way of literary contributions is something either newsy or entertaining. For instance, an article about a brother, active or alumnus, telling of his actions. Then there is the article on athletics, informing us of what a certain brother has done or is going to do along this line. Lastly, there is the original sketch, humorous or otherwise, that will prove not only entertaining, but demonstrate the writer's wit and observation.

Because this is a Greek Letter fraternity magazine does not imply that all its reading matter should contain a re-hash of the self-same principles set forth in the teachings of the fraternity itself. Because an article departs from this would-be philosophi-

cal monotone does not indicate that its subject is composed of extraneous matter. Just so long as the articles, whatever their nature, are composed by members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and approved by the editor, they are absolutely eligible.

There is still another point I wish to accentuate in the preparation of articles for this magazine, and that is for you to write simple, comprehensible English. Some people there are who approach any writing with as much dignity and seriousness as they would the altar before which they worship. You are not literary marvels, nor do we expect anything prodigious of you ; so write to be understood, not in language finer than even the gods spake ! Now proceed to write something for *THE JOURNAL* that will compare with some of the admirable little pieces current each month in the magazines of other fraternities.

THE Charter Committee wishes to announce that a charter was granted on December 26, 1906, for a chapter at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. Eight students were inducted into membership on January 7th. The final ceremonies will take place April 1, 1907, and all that can do so are requested to attend. The committee have three other applications under consideration, which will be reported on in the next *JOURNAL*.

ON January 28th we sent a return postal card to every chapter requesting that they be filled out and returned February 1st. Some chapters have not yet replied to our request. These cards were not sent for pastime, for our regular duties have been keeping us busy sixteen hours a day for the past month. We want the information, so please send your card in at once.

It again becomes necessary to call attention to Article VIII. of the Constitution. Sections 5 and 8 are the ones that particularly interest this office, but the entire article is not given

the consideration it should have. It is hoped that every chapter will have complied with every section of Article VIII. before our next issue.

ALTHOUGH not positively decided, it is very probable that the next Conclave will meet in the fall of 1907, at or near the Jamestown Exposition. It is hoped that not only every chapter will be represented, but that several from every chapter and many alumni will be with us.

WE have had requests for copies of March, 1904, and March, May, and December, 1905, of THE JOURNAL. If any one having any of these numbers is willing to dispose of them, please communicate with this office.



The Greek Press.

JAMES B. WEBSTER.

WE are glad to welcome to our exchange table *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho. This is the first number we have received, and we are pleased with it. Alpha Chi Rho is one of the younger fraternities, having been founded at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1895, and it has many problems in common with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

One of the members, in an article on fraternity instruction, says :

“The doubt is occasionally expressed that the fraternity is not doing all within its power to instruct and educate the brothers in the distinctive tenets of Alpha Chi Rho ; and the writer must confess that he is party to the doubt. In the past the fraternity, largely because it was small and homogeneous, and had little immediate intercourse with other fraternities, has been able to maintain its principles and landmarks. This ability has made us what we are to-day, and the lack of it has brought death and destruction to two fraternities founded contemporaneously with our own. But in the future, with increasing chapter roll and hundreds of scattered brothers where we now have tens, with the building of chapter houses and increased prestige, and with the consequent rivalry and intercourse with other fraternities, shall we be able to preserve homogeneity, and to maintain our traditions and this institution ? ”

It calls this fact to our attention, that if an organization is to be prominent it must have some clearly-defined and well-known principles, and *must live* up to them. Such principles Sigma Phi Epsilon has embodied in her Constitution and Ritual. The member or chapter that willfully remains ignorant of and indifferent to these principles is not only not true to the best interests of the fraternity, but is working positive injury to to it, and hence is to that extent a traitor.

WE gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the December number of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, which is the first copy of that publication to find its way to our table.

Here is a hint on the importance of this fraternity in supplementing the university training with practical business experience. The following practical suggestions for the management of the chapter house are very helpful :

"To the modern fraternity is therefore offered striking opportunity to direct the formation of the business habits and character of its members. This opportunity, if improved, will bind the fraternity to all the universities as an integral and necessary part of their curriculum, and everlastingly put opposition to its existence to rout.

"Assuming, then, that the opportunity is at hand, the question is what to teach and how to teach it. The answer is this : Teach the elementary principles underlying successful business, and teach it by direct supervision of the chapter's financial affairs by the central governing body. Start, say, with the four elementary principles of business success laid down recently by one of our 'captains of industry' : 'First, buy in season and in large quantities ; second, discount your bills ; third, turn all debits into interest-bearing securities every thirty days ; fourth, never do business with your relations.'"

IN *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, from Alpha Tau Omega Palm :

"I am of the opinion that the fraternity man in college should make it one of his aims to go out of his way to be courteous and friendly to the so-called 'barbs.' He need not fear that he will be any less true to his fraternity by doing so. It is a terribly false idea of 'frat. spirit' that will lead one to think that common courtesy and gentlemanliness can bring one under the suspicion of disloyalty. Indeed, true loyalty to the teachings of any of the fraternities would lead one away from this of which we are speaking."

WE would suggest that the brothers ponder over these lines from *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, quoted in the *Record*, in connection with our ritual work. If the fraternity is worthy of a busy man's time, it ought to be accomplishing the greatest possible good for college men. A large part of that good is derived, then, from the Ritual. Anything that detracts from the effectiveness of the Ritual is subversive to that end, and should be dispensed with :

"Most of the initiation 'stunts' tend to produce contempt in the mind of the candidate for the entire proceeding; it strikes him as being a farce, to which he is an enforced party. These things are disgusting in the extreme, and the whole affair impresses him as being a huge joke, utterly lacking in dignity, and having no bearing whatever on any proposition that appeals to his manhood. And, then, it is so perfectly incongruous to indulge in horse-play as an immediate preliminary to the ritual."

The editorial comment on the Pan-Hellenic Library, as proposed by Delta Epsilon, is timely, and it seems to us the movement is entitled to the hearty support of every fraternity; and would soon become a most valuable storehouse of fraternity information, and would also be valuable as a source of biographical material. This quotation outlines the proposed plan, as supported by Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Theta Delta Chi :

"The plan is for each fraternity to contribute to the common collection as full a set of its own publications as is available, steadily supplementing its contribution as new matter is published. Each fraternity so co-operating is to appoint a representative, empowered to act for it in all matters pertaining to the Library, and no expense is entailed upon the fraternities other than that of supplying its literature. The collection is to be turned over to the care of the New York Public Library (Astor, Lenox, and Tilden Foundations), which is naturally glad to supply shelf-room and care for so unique a collection. The Pan-

Hellenic Library is thus to be as suitably located as possible, and will make readily accessible such an array of fraternity literature as was never before gathered together."

THIS paragraph, from the same number of the *Record*, calls attention to the ever present alumni question, a question that is beginning more and more to be of vital importance to us. To quote :

"Some alumni shift all responsibility to the younger shoulders. Their plea is, 'I have had my chance ; now let me not interfere with others.' Other alumni, equally loyal, believe that they should give to their successors the benefit of their experience, and, viewing the fraternal life from the newer and broader standpoint, are very likely to give advice which the chapter doesn't understand, and then sometimes—in all honesty of purpose—to seek to use force, the force of personal influence or friendship, to bring about the action desired. It would be hard to decide which is the more hurtful policy of the two. The first loses to the chapter the co-operation of an experienced elder, and loses to the alumnus the abiding interest that might be richness in his life, by keeping him in touch with the best sentiment of his undergraduate days. The second tends to chafe the young, but spirited, active member, until the restraint of the alumnus becomes a burden to be borne, rather than an ever-ready source of help. Of course there is safety, and the solution must lie in the middle ground ; but the question is still a question for chapters and fraternities at large : What shall be the relation of the alumnus to his chapter? Shall it be a more definitely active connection with the chapter? If so, how shall the machinery of this closer connection be run, and how shall the alumni view-point be correlated with that of the chapter? And yet, isn't there more hope in this direction than in any other of bringing the youngest member to a true realization of the meaning of fraternity? It is still, we may say, easier to ask questions than to answer them."

EDITOR ROGERS, of Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow*, propounds the following question in an editorial in the January number, and asks some one to answer it in the next issue. Although I cannot do that, I have answered it very quickly in my own mind, by saying "No," "Yes," "No," to his three questions, which I quote below, because of their practical interest to every chapter :

"For some time there has been a question in my mind with regard to affiliates, which I cannot settle, and upon which I have never seen anything written. Two cases of the character I have in mind have come under my direct observation during the past month. For example : Chapter A receives a transfer, and writes to Chapter B, from which chapter the transfer comes. Chapter B wires in reply : 'Record bad. Don't affiliate.'

"The question which troubles me is, Is such a situation fair to chapters, and to the man concerned ? In other words, if a man is so undesirable as to be repudiated in such manner by his own chapter, should not that chapter have expelled him at once, and thus saved embarrassment to all parties concerned ? If a man is unfit to be given a recommendation to a sister chapter, is he fit to remain on the roll of his own chapter ?

"I think I have made the situation clear. Can you not enlighten us on the subject in some one of the coming issues of the *Rainbow* ? "

We hope this may bring out an article for THE JOURNAL, and we shall watch for an answer in the *Rainbow* from some Delta Tau Delta.

A GOOD article from *Beta Theta Pi*, on the dangers of an inter-fraternity society. We give the whole article, and comments by Editor Baird, showing the position of that fraternity :

"Much has been said in the fraternity magazines regarding inter-fraternities. The question has been taken up by the various chapters of college fraternities, and has been discussed by the national conventions, but as yet nothing definite has been accomplished with the exception of discouraging the idea, and in

our fraternity (as in a few others) of forbidding men to join Theta Nu Epsilon and inter-collegiate societies. Theta Nu Epsilon has been specified because it is the oldest and likewise the largest of inter-fraternities. Many similar local organizations have been unnoticed, and, in my opinion, are proving harmful to the fraternities at large. The chief arguments advanced by advocates of these organizations are :

“First. That it broadens the acquaintance to include men of all fraternities.

“Second. That it broadens the insight regarding the views of men in other fraternities.

“Third. That it establishes social relations between fraternities, and a better pan-Hellenic spirit.

“Fourth. That it assists in class politics.

“These arguments do not seem to me to be convincing. Many times the men who join inter-fraternities do not try to intimately cultivate certain members of their chapter, but rather choose men of other fraternities who have inclinations of a similar character. Ordinarily these men are not the type that uplift the social standard of the chapter, and, if their insight of men is broadened, it is usually by cultivating the friendship of the fastest men in college, whose sole purpose is to live a life of conviviality. Members of Beta chapters need not join inter-fraternities to broaden their insight of men, and they will not be narrowed by intimately knowing only the men of their own chapter. As to inter-fraternities helping our social standard, I may say that we have always held a superior social standing long before the days of inter-organizations.

“It is not the policy of Beta Theta Pi to limit one's friends among members of one's own chapter, and the man who is narrow and selfish enough to do this is not the man we want in our membership. It is not necessary, however, to join an inter-fraternity to cultivate such friendship. In the past few years I have visited many colleges, and have especially observed the inter-fraternity organizations. Some of the colleges had chapters

of Theta Nu Epsilon, but most of them had similar but local organizations.

"It is my idea in this article to call attention particularly to dozens of smaller organizations throughout the country possessing principles equally as bad, and some much worse, than Theta Nu Epsilon, but whose evils are unrecognized by the fraternities at large, because they are local organizations, and consequently not of general interest. On one occasion I recall a student telling me on the evening set for his initiation into a local inter-fraternity that it could not take place, because the officers were 'jagged,' and all he got was the grip, but he was a member nevertheless. At another institution, not long after, I heard some boys say that certain men would not attend a minstrel rehearsal given by the various fraternities in college, but, in preference, attended the rehearsal of an inter-fraternity show, giving as their reason that the show must be a success, as the proceeds were to go for a rousing good time that night after the show.

"These incidents did not occur in colleges with chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon, but where local organizations of similar character held sway. Those who have attended colleges where such societies are located will probably recall incidents of striking resemblance.

"It is my purpose to emphasize the importance of observing these local organizations, over which the chapters have little control without the aid of a national fraternity ruling forbidding men to join local inter-fraternities.

"On several occasions I recollect chapters adopting by-laws forbidding their men to join local inter-fraternities, and in each instance have they failed utterly in accomplishing their object.

"Some men would join without the chapter knowing it, and it would never be found out until they had left college or graduated. The question of Theta Nu Epsilon and inter-collegiate inter-fraternities, when brought before the Denver Convention, resulted in passing a ruling forbidding men to join such societies; but here are the local inter-fraternities causing trouble for the various chapters, and no national ruling for them to refer to

when chapter troubles of this character confront them. I am of the opinion that these local societies should be investigated and the chapters given some protection against them. At one college I have investigated the origin of two local inter-fraternities, and find the men who organized them did so as a result of not being asked into Theta Nu Epsilon. It is for this reason I think there should be a national ruling forbidding men to join both national and local inter-fraternities, and thus eliminate the subject totally and at once from our consideration.

"But until this ruling is enacted what can a chapter do to prevent such difficulties from arising? I would suggest—

"First. Use the utmost care in selecting your men, avoiding men with 'fast' tendencies.

"Second. Add to the list of examination questions for the neophytes the following question, 'With what feeling does Beta Theta Pi look upon Theta Nu Epsilon and inter-collegiate inter-fraternities?' Also tell them at this time how the chapter feels toward all inter-fraternity organizations.

"Third. Keep watch on the freshmen, and at an early date warn them of any approaching intimacy with men who belong to any objectionable inter-society.

"Fourth. Such conditions have been 'benefited by unusually candid criticism of personal conduct, so successfully adopted by many chapters as a regular part of their exercises.

"It is my opinion, so long as the fraternity has taken the stand of excluding Theta Nu Epsilon and inter-collegiate societies from our membership, it would be well to consider local societies in the same category. By so doing we may avoid chapter difficulties caused by local societies in the small colleges, and also assist the chapters in the larger colleges where local and national inter-fraternities are found.

WILLIAM S. KELLER."

Clippings from Editor Baird's comments on the above article :

"Dr. Keller, in his article in this number, has set out very clearly the features of the usual inter-fraternity society which

condemn it, and yet there are societies of this class to which it is an honor to belong. If, therefore, general legislation is enacted forbidding Betas, anywhere, at any time, to join any of these societies, it may in some cases be harmful.

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“Any chapter whose members join an inter-fraternity society, to the detriment of the chapter, has the remedy in its own hand. It can try and expel such a member, or members, for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the fraternity, and, provided the chapter follows exactly the procedure prescribed, there is no danger of its action being reversed. In fact, the chapter is much more powerful with respect to matters of discipline of this kind than its members usually seem to imagine.

“At the beginning of this college year our attention was called to the situation arising in one of our chapters where two of its members had joined an inter-fraternity society, and were justifying their conduct by all sorts of frivolous excuses and quibbles. They were neglecting their chapter duties (being chapter officers), were spending the money with which they should have defrayed chapter expenses for dissipation, in company with their inter-fraternity mates, and, altogether, were conducting themselves in an unfraternal and disgraceful way. Two of the members of that chapter wrote to us for advice, and, in a helpless kind of way, suggested that the district chief or general secretary come and visit the chapter and help them to bring the erring brothers back to their senses. We advised them to call a chapter meeting, prefer charges against the two members, and expel them. A little later we had a letter from our correspondent stating that, as a preliminary measure, he had shown our letter to one of these men, and that thereafter there was no need of any further action on the part of the chapter. Neither they nor the other members of the chapter had apparently known that there was any remedy for their course of conduct, and when they saw there was they immediately reformed, rather than lose their membership in the fraternity, which was more valuable than their inter-fraternity connections.”

Sigma Phi Epsilon does not forbid its members to join these inter-fraternal societies, but trusts to the loyalty of the individual and the good judgment of the chapter in the use of its power to control the conduct of its members.

THIS from *Beta Theta Pi*, while it is only a slight error, should be corrected. Sigma Phi Epsilon did not enter University of North Carolina. It was reported that we had entered.

"Some of the chapters established by the fraternities during the college year 1905-'06 are as follows: Alpha Chi Rho, Yale, Syracuse; Alpha Tau Omega, Washington, Missouri; M. I. T., Simpson, Washington-Lee; Delta Upsilon, Illinois; Delta Tau Delta, Missouri, Lafayette; Delta Sigma Phi, Pennsylvania State, Washington-Lee; Kappa Sigma, N. Y. U., Dartmouth, Harvard, Idaho, Syracuse, Oklahoma; Kappa Alpha, Oklahoma, Washington; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Washington; Sigma Chi, Arkansas, Montana; Sigma Phi Epsilon, North Carolina, N. C. A. & M. College, Wittenberg, Purdue, Chicago, Syracuse, Washington-Lee; Phi Kappa Sigma, Purdue, Chicago; Sigma Nu, Virginia, Syracuse; II K A, Missouri School of Mines; Phi Sigma Kappa, Brown; Phi Kappa Psi, Case; Phi Delta Theta, Toronto.

FROM an article entitled "Delta at Chautauqua," by A. H. Maurer:

"Now comes the time 'worth while.' Hearing both old and young fraternity men from different colleges discuss matters of such close concern to us all. One of the very noticeable things was the fact that a fraternity man is a fraternity man wherever he goes, *that he recognizes that his fraternity is not the only one in existence, but that there are good men and good in all of them*, and that fraternities tend to draw college men together and make them friends; that fraternities are to give the fraternal spirit to all men, and thereby improve the world. The

fact that a man wears upon his breast the emblem of some fraternity causes a man wearing a different pin to feel a little more friendly toward him than otherwise. *As one man said, 'While in college I thought there was none but my own fraternity. After getting out into the world I see that there is even some good in the fraternity that was our closest rival.'* While each man present stood up for his own fraternity, speaking of those ties which mean so much to us all, speaking of the dear old chapter, some of the older ones extinct, speaking of the fraternity house, with its sacred associations, and of the girls ever true, yet aside from all of this each seemed to express a fraternal spirit toward all."

Wouldn't it be a good thing if fraternity men could learn the above lesson in college. It reminds us of the old toast :

"There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it doesn't behoove any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us."

THE following clippings show that at some institutions fraternity men have come to see that there is real good in the other fraternities, while some still have not.

Chapter letter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Michigan :

"Following up a policy which began to prevail with us in the latter part of last year, we have been circulating more freely among the other fraternities. Our social evenings with them at our house and at their lodges have, we have reason to feel, proved of benefit to us in several ways, notably in that they have done more to make us generally known than anything else tried in recent years.

"In this same connection, it might not come amiss to touch on the general situation among the Greeks here. There are now nearly two-score fraternities and sororities with chapters at Michigan. Among them the greatest harmony and good-will

prevail. Not a semblance of the old Greek-meets-Greek war, that was so disastrous to all contestants, now remains."

Chapter letter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Tennessee :

"The situation here at Tennessee is not altogether unlike that at Wofford, and it takes no wise man to see that, unless there is some lull in the political battle, the faculty will certainly take some hand in the matter.

"We have gathered information from reliable sources that four of the six fraternities on the hill have signed an agreement to oppose any action of Tennessee Kappa along any line. The fact that, with the aid of Pi Kappa Alpha's and our friends among the non-fraternity men, we have not lost an election in the past two years, goes to show just how well we are meeting the combined efforts of these four fraternities."

Chapter letter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Washington University :

"The Greek world represented here is in a prosperous condition. The best of friendship exists between all the fraternities. The Kappa Alpha chapter installed here last spring is doing well. It has our best wishes."

Chapter letter, Beta Theta Pi, Beloit College, with a spirit of true fraternity toward non-fraternity men :

"In an attempt to increase the possibilities for social life among the barbs, the faculty have recently passed a rule allowing dancing in the gymnasium, a rule which has caused considerable talk among those who hold to the old customs of Beloit. A Mountain Day, in which the whole College participates has also recently been tried, with considerable success. This move in the direction of giving the non-fraternity men a taste of the good things that heretofore few besides the fraternity men have been able to enjoy will, it is hoped, tend to strengthen that spirit of unity and democracy in the College which is so often lacking to a marked degree wherever there are fraternities."

THE following are some clippings on the question of cutting out "horse-play" in initiation. These seem to mark the tendency of the times in this matter, and we believe the tendency is good :

Chapter letter, Beta Theta Pi, University of Michigan :

"In the initiations this year we have endeavored to follow the spirit of the convention and the dictates of good sense by eliminating all so-called 'horse-play.' While the plans may have one or two minor draw-backs, the advantages gained by the discontinuance of this nonsense far outweigh these disadvantages, and it is with the conviction of experience that we recommend the passing of the 'rough house' by all the chapters."

Chapter letter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Cincinnati :

"A distinct departure from old ways was indulged in by Ohio Epsilon this year in abolishing the rough initiation, and we can earnestly recommend the plan to our sister chapters. It is needless to say the new men greatly appreciated the plan and understood the solemnity of the ritual as well without the customary bruises and scars."

OF general interest :

Chapter letter, Delta Tau Delta, Tulane University :

"Some little interest at Tulane has been taken by the fraternities in a new fraternity, who call themselves Alpha Delta Xi. They refuse to state whether they are national or not, but it is the general consensus of opinion that they are local and intend petitioning for a national fraternity in the near future. Any fraternity granting them a charter would be making a grave mistake, because the Alpha Delta Xi's are looked upon with small favor, as its members deport themselves like anything but fraternity men."

Chapter letter, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Minnesota :

"The installation of a chapter of Pi Beta Phi at Minnesota

has done much to increase the range of affairs of the University social world. This addition brings the total of sororities at Minnesota up to seven, and there is plenty of room for all, as there are about twelve hundred co-eds. registered in the institution."

"Zeta Tau Alpha has established chapters recently at the University of Texas and Southwestern University, also in Texas."

A chapter of Beta Theta Pi was installed at the University of Toronto, November 9, 1906. A well-written and finely-illustrated account of the chapter and the installation was given in the November issue of this magazine.



Alumni Notes.

B. K. Lucas, Iota Alpha, is at Princeton, Ind.

Dr. C. N. Hatfield, Beta Alpha, is at Fostoria, Ohio.

E. S. Barnum, Iota Alpha, is located at Indianapolis, Ind.

J. William Gossman, Delta, is now located at Concord, N. C.

C. H. Howell is pursuing his work in electrical engineering at Lynn, Mass.

Dr. F. L. Higginbotham, Beta Alpha, is practicing at Somerset, Ky.

Dr. Edwin Miller, Delta Beta, '06, is resident physician at the Altoona (Pa.) Hospital.

R. M. Patterson, Kappa Alpha, is in Chicago. Brother Patterson is an electrical engineer.

Dr. J. Barton Lownes, Delta Beta, '06, is resident surgeon at the State Hospital, Fountain Springs, Pa.

Carter A. Jenkins, Alpha, was married January 14th to Miss Mary A. Eillis, at Baltimore, Md.

Grand Vice-President Clyde Ver Beck has severed his connection with the *Washington Post*, and accepted a position with the *Daily State*, of Montgomery, Ala.

Bro. J. W. Miller has chosen the city of baked beans, and will be found in Boston at No. 716 Board of Trade Building, with the Westinghouse Electric Company. Brother Miller will be glad to see any brothers who visit Boston.

Thomas T. ("Those") Wright, Alpha, is at Cornell, in the engineering department. We had the pleasure, a short time ago of receiving a letter from "Those," which is—as far as we are, able to find out—the only time he has broken his regular routine since entering Cornell.

John Irwin, Epsilon Alpha, LL. B., University of Colorado, '05, has located at Klamath Falls, Oregon, and is arousing the people of that community with his dulcet tones and stirring eloquence. Brother Irwin was one of the most substantial men of his class, and bids fair to be one of the best attorneys in far away Oregon.

Arthur E. Healy, Epsilon Alpha, LL. B., Harvard University, now of Sunshine, Col., is a member of the Legislature of Colorado, and one of the influential members of the House and of Boulder county. We are proud of Brother Healy.

Francis J. Knauss, Epsilon Alpha, LL. B., University of Colorado, '05, has his shingle out at No. 408-410 Kittredge Building, Denver, and occasionally, on his visits to Boulder, has had the pleasure of remaining over night with the boys and enjoying their hospitality. Brother Knauss is mixing in politics somewhat in Denver, and is working hard to build up a practice and reputation. Brother Knauss is Vice-President of the Denver Alumni of the University of Colorado, and is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Alumni Association of Epsilon Alpha, in Sigma Phi Epsilon.



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